

Middle School Initiative

**PART I
COVER SHEET**

CAP 1 SEMESTER 1 WEEK 11

COURSE: Curry Leadership Laboratory, Achievement 1

LESSON TITLE: Drill and Ceremonies - Column Movements and Flight Alignment

METHOD: Demonstration – Performance

LENGTH OF LESSON: 50 Minutes

REFERENCE(S): AFM 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies Manual*, Chapter 4

AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS/HANDOUTS: None

COGNITIVE OBJECTIVE(S): N/A

COGNITIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: N/A

AFFECTIVE OBJECTIVE: The objective of this series of lessons is for each cadet to know all of the military drill required of a basic cadet.

AFFECTIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: The cadet will willingly learn each of the positions and movements and perfect them to the required military standard.

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TEACHING PLAN
Introduction**

ATTENTION: Last week you completed most of your requirements for the Curry Achievement.

MOTIVATION: Although promotion night is still several weeks away, please do not let this deter you from your advancement in the training program. There are many facets of the program to keep you challenged and instill in you the desire to progress.

OVERVIEW: Since there are requirements in this course that must be fulfilled over and above the stated level of training for the Curry Achievement we will continue instruction on drill into the next achievement. Today we will be learning how to execute column movements and the procedures for dress and alignment of the flight by command.

TRANSITION: FALL IN!

Body

MP 1 The instructor will form the flight as previously instructed. Cadets will assume their positions and will self-align themselves, based on previous instruction.

MP 2 The instructor will instruct the following drill movements and have the cadets practice for the duration of the period. (NOTE: The instructor must study the procedures in depth prior to instruction. Very specific instructions are contained in Chapter 4, AFM 36-2203.)

Column Movements:

Column Right (Left) Normal Interval (Marching). The commands are **Column Right (Left), MARCH and Forward, MARCH.**

On the command **Column Right (Left), MARCH**, the fourth (first) element leader takes one more 24-inch step, pivots 90 degrees to the right (left) on the ball of the left (right) foot, and suspends armswing during the pivot. Following the pivot, step off in a 24-inch step and resume coordinated armswing. Beginning with the second step after the pivot, take up the half step. Each succeeding member of the fourth (first) element marches to the approximate pivot point established by the person in front of him or her and performs the same procedures as the element leader.

The second (third) element leader takes one more 24-inch step, (maintaining coordinated armswing throughout) pivots 45 degrees to the right (left) on the ball of the left (right) foot, and takes four 24-inch steps prior to pivoting 45 degrees to the right (left) on the ball of the left (right) foot. Continue marching in 24-inch steps until even with the person who marches on the right (left). Then begin half stepping, and establish interval and dress. Each succeeding member of the second (third) element marches to the approximate pivot point established by the person in front of him or her and performs the same procedures as the element leader.

The first (fourth) element leader takes one more 24-inch step, (maintaining coordinated armswing throughout) pivots 45 degrees to the right (left) on the ball of the left (right) foot, and takes six 24-inch steps prior to pivoting 45 degrees to the right (left) on the ball of the left (right) foot. Continue marching in 24-inch steps until even with the person who marches on the right (left). Then begin half stepping, and establish interval and dress. Each succeeding member of the first (fourth) element marches to the approximate point established by the person in front of him or her and performs the same procedures as the element leader.

The guide performs the pivots and steps exactly as the fourth element leader. Following completion of the pivots, the guide continues in a 24-inch step until he or she is ahead of the fourth element leader. The guide pivots 45 degrees to a position in front of the fourth element leader; then he or she pivots 45 degrees again toward the front and begins half stepping.

Once the entire formation has changed direction and dress, cover, interval, and distance are reestablished, **Forward, MARCH** will be given. On the command **MARCH**, take one more 12-inch step with the right foot, then step off with a full 24-inch step with the left foot. When performing column left, the responsibility of dress reverts to the left flank on the preparatory command **Column Left**. The responsibility remains with the left flank until the command **MARCH** is given; then it reverts to the right flank. (See AFM 36-2203, Figure 4-6, for specific steps.)

Aligning the Flight:

Dress Right Dress (Line Formation): Normal Interval. The commands are **Dress Right, DRESS and Ready, FRONT**. On the command **DRESS**, everyone except the last airman in each element raises and extends the left arm laterally from the shoulder with snap so the arm is parallel with the ground. As the arm is raised, uncup the hand at approximately waist level, keeping the palm down. Extend and join the fingers and place the thumb along the forefinger. At the same time as the left arm is raised, each individual (except the guide and second, third, and fourth element leaders) turns head and eyes 45 degrees to the right with snap. The leading individual of each file establishes normal interval (by taking small choppy steps and aligning with the base file) and establishes exact shoulder-fingertip contact with the individual to the immediate right. The second, third, and fourth element leaders align themselves directly behind the person in front of them (using small choppy steps) and visually establish a 40-inch distance. As the remaining members align themselves behind the individual in front of or to the right of them, their shoulders may or may not touch the fingertips of the individual to their right. If the arm is too long, place the extended hand behind the shoulder of the individual to the left. If the

arm is too short, leave it extended toward the individual to the left and parallel to the ground. Once dress, cover, interval, and distance have been established, the command **Ready, FRONT** will be given. On this command, airmen whose arms are up will lower their arms with snap to their sides (without slapping their sides) and recap their hands when their arm is at approximately waist level. As the arm is lowered, airmen whose heads are turned will return their heads to the front with snap. The body is now back to the position of attention.



Normal Interval

Cover. Individuals aligning themselves directly behind the person to their immediate front while maintaining proper distance.

MP 3 The instructor will take sufficient time to assure that the cadets have a reasonable idea of what is expected of them during this instruction.

Conclusion

SUMMARY: During this period we have learned the basics of executing column movements and proper dress procedures of the flight.

REMOTIVATION: We have progressed past the point of the Curry Achievement drill requirements in order to fulfill some additional training requirements in this semester.

CLOSURE: FALL OUT!

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**PART III
LESSON REVIEW**

LESSON OBJECTIVE(S): The objective of this lesson was to teach column right and left movements, and the procedure for dressing the flight upon command.

LESSON QUESTIONS: None